

the L.A.S.S. Edition

March 2012

Secretary Notes

By Tom Wild

The February meeting of the Lincoln Area Soaring Society came to order around 7:30 pm with President Loren Blinde presiding.

The minutes from the December 2011 meeting were accepted as published in the January newsletter.

TREASURER REPORT:

Jim Baker presented his Treasurer's report. He wrote a \$90 check to the AMA for our club charter. Loren printed up 2012 membership cards so when you pay your dues Jim will give you your card.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim had renegotiated our lease agreement with the Lancaster Event Center downward. Thanks Jim! That should stretch our funds for the upcoming years.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Lincoln Sky Knights' annual auction usually scheduled on the Saturday following their February meeting was luckily scheduled for Saturday, February 18 missing a big snow storm. Let's hope for better weather on Feb. 18th. The auction date can be seen on the Metro Area Flying calendar.

Bob Turner representing the Swift club has scheduled a glider event on May 6 at a new flying site near 94th and Lincoln Road in Papillion. This date may or may not change due to a possible site conflict with the T.H.O.R. model rocket club who in years past has scheduled the same site for low power model rocket launches. The pros and cons of sharing the site were discussed.

May 17 through May 20 is the date for the Midwest Slope Challenge at Wilson Lake Kansas which many of the LASS members will attend (hopefully our defending champion of the unlimited event, Thane Kirchhoff)

Loren asked if LASS would like to schedule a glider event this upcoming spring. A weekend day sometime late in April looks promising but a date has not yet been set.

Allan Worrest mentioned a list of flying activities planned by the Lincoln Sky Knights. June 7 through June 10, LSK will be hosting the Huckfest.

Allan asked if Loren would be interested in directing a Silent Flight Day at LSK this year. Loren stated he would bring winch equipment if someone else wants to organize and CD the event. Allan stated he may take on the task if he isn't involved with the Senior Pattern contest this year. Allan mentioned that he wouldn't mind if some of the younger members took on the pattern event.

The meeting adjourned around 8:10 in anticipation of seeing what neat stuff Thane brought in his keyboard carrying case.

President signs FAA bill, includes protection for model aviation

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 9:27:00 AM

Last week, Congress passed the first FAA Reauthorization bill in more than four years. The Bill included a special provision for model aircraft protecting it from FAA regulations.

Signed last night by President Obama, the special provision in the Bill recognizes community-based safety programming as an effective means of managing the modeling activity. The model aircraft section establishes minimum criteria for safe aeromodeling operations and specifically directs the

FAA Bill (Continued on page 2)

**CLUB MEETING Tuesday
March 6, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Willard Community Center
Folsom & West B Street
Lincoln, NE**

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FAA Bill (Continued from page 1)

FAA to not enact rules for modeling activity conducted within the safety programming of a nationwide community-based organization.

The culmination of AMA's efforts over the past four years in achieving this recognition and obtaining the legislative safeguard is a great accomplishment for the aeromodeling community. This recognition will help with our continuing efforts with the FAA to improve safety in the national airspace.

Recognition is also due to the tens of thousands of AMA members who went the extra mile by writing their congressional leaders, making phone calls, and supporting the AMA with donations used for this campaign. Continue to monitor www.modelaircraft.org/gov for further details.

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Feb. Show & Tell

Thane Kirchoff shows his mew F3F slope racer, Needle 100. As the name implies, the wingspan is close to 100 inches. The hatch is located on the bottom of the fuselage to strengthen the structure.



Regional Events

- 3/18/2012 LSK Indoor at Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell Street. See flyer in the November newsletter. March 4 session is cancelled.
- 3/31 2nd Annual Strategic Air & Space Museum Indoor Air Show. For details see <http://www.sasmuseum.com/indoor-air-show/> or next page.
- 4/? SWIFT Opener
- 5/17-20 Midwest Slope Challenge, Wilson Lake, KS, see <http://midwestslopechallenge.com/index.htm> for details.
- 6/7 - 10 Waverly, NE (C) CORNHUCK FEST. Site: Club Field. Gary Dunkel CD PH: 402-469-5291 Email: garydunkel@hotmail.com. Visit: www.lincolnskyknights.org Giant scale, helis, jets, electrics, anything welcome. 4 days of open flying, 2 runways grass/asphalt, float pond, sun shelters, RV hook ups, demos. Prizes and raffle items. Event coordinator Tim O'Brian PH:402-440-2114 e-mail timobrien1@gmail.com . Sponsor: LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS
- 6/15 - 17 Grand Island, NE (C) 7TH ANNUAL RC AIRPLANE EXHIBITION AND FUN FLY. Site: Club Field. John Boord CD PH: 308-382-1727 Email: jboord16@hotmail.com.

Open to all types of aircraft, daily airshow and exhibitions. 540x34' runway, 800' grass. Kitchen facilities, club house, primitive camping. 3D airshows, jets, pilot raffle, pilot prizes, fly what you bring. Scale demos, aerobatics demos and a lot of open flying. Entry fee \$25. Cookout for pilots and family on Saturday night. Sponsor: GRAND ISLAND MODELERS ASSN



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**Saturday
March 31**

10AM - 4PM

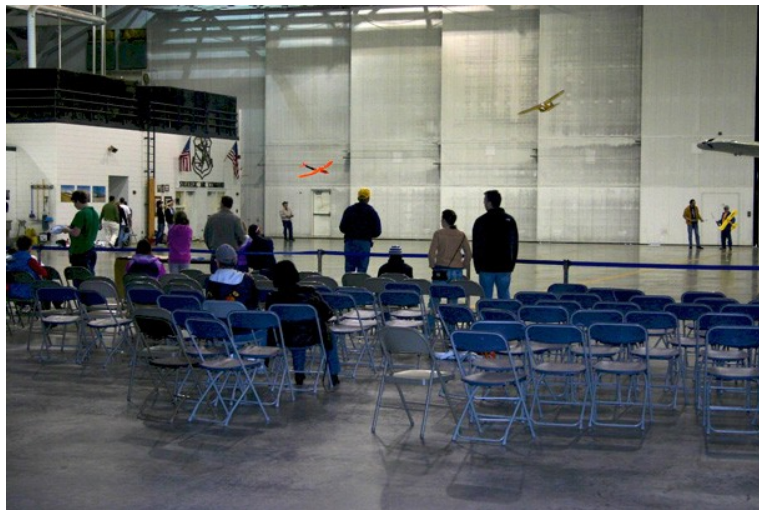


2nd Annual Strategic Air & Space Museum Indoor Air Show Saturday, March 31

Join us on Saturday, March 31st 2012 at the Strategic Air & Space Museum. The Strategic Air & Space Museum will be hosting the 2nd Annual Indoor Air Show from 10AM to 4PM. This wonderful event will provide hours of high-flying fun for the entire family!



Throughout the museum, you will find fantastic displays of large and small radio-controlled and control-line aircraft models. You will even see some full-size ultralight aircraft! We will also be featuring a number of flight-related science activities for the kids, as well as a high-tech iPad-controlled quadcopter station so you can try out your own piloting skills. Various RC clubs and organizations will be on hand to provide information about this exciting hobby. The restoration hangar will be open and filled with demonstrations of various RC aircraft provided by local experts.



If you are an RC enthusiast, and would like to participate in this event, please contact Ed Paasch at (402) 510-8730 or e-mail bigedmustafa@hotmail.com